

Program (FEHBP). Restricting access to this constitutionally protected right sets women working for the federal government apart as a separate class.

FEHBP provides health insurance to federal employees and their dependents. Like employees in the private sector, federal employees contribute to the cost of their health insurance through co-pays and deductibles. Unlike other employees in the private sector, however, federal employees are unable to access health plans that cover abortion.

Since 1983, Congress has adopted language through the Financial Services Appropriations bill to eliminate abortion coverage from FEHBP except in narrow circumstances when the pregnancy would endanger the woman's life or the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest. I rise in support of this amendment because it is time to end this prohibition.

Every woman in the United States is entitled to access the constitutionally-protected full range of pregnancy-related care, including abortion. No employer—including the federal government—should be allowed to dictate how an employee uses health care coverage or interfere in the benefits an employee chooses to access. Congress should respect the health care decisions of each federal employee and treat women with the dignity and compassion they rightly deserve.

I urge my colleagues to support this important amendment to protect the rights of federal employees and their right to access constitutionally-protected medical services. For too long, this body has interfered with the difficult decisions women should make with their families, their doctors and whomever they choose. It's time that Congress lifts this ban and all bans on abortion coverage not just in FEHBP.

TRIBUTE TO DAWN FOUNTAIN

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dawn Fountain for the care and kindness she provides to victims of domestic violence.

Ms. Fountain is a founder of Purses and Love, a non-profit organization in aid of the victims of domestic violence; but first and foremost, she is also a survivor. Alongside her mother and other volunteers, she helps the victims and their children by providing them with essential items when they arrive at shelters after leaving their home. The sad reality exists that these victims often come to shelters empty-handed, as many have to flee their homes in a hurry. Ms. Fountain provides, among other things, clothing, kids' toys and medical supplies for the victims of abuse.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Ms. Fountain for the work she does for these survivors. I thank her for her efforts and I ask that this body join me in recognizing her for all that she provides to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF EMILY
RICHARDS

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Emily Richards of Ohio Northern University for winning the Women's 800-Meter Run in the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The National Collegiate Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn national titles since its founding in 1906. Throughout this time, the champions of NCAA national level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in the country. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody the nation's proud history of athletic success.

Emily's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. She has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Ohio Northern University can be extremely proud of her performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Emily Richards on her National Championship. I wish her continued success in both her athletic and academic endeavors.

2016 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on June 23, the House of Representatives hosted the reception for the 2016 Congressional Art Competition. I was honored to serve as the Republican co-chair for the competition, alongside Congresswoman KYRSTEN SINEMA of Arizona.

For the past 34 years, the Congressional Art Competition has inspired and encouraged young artists around the country. The competition was very personal to me. With my mother being an artist, I understand how important it is to give proper recognition to these talents who are making a difference in society through arts.

I was grateful to invite local artist Yvonne Kinney, from North Augusta, to Washington to speak to the students about her work and highlight the importance of giving back to your community.

The winner from the Second District was Mary Afuldish from Cardinal Newman High School in the Midlands. I look forward to seeing her winning piece, America the Beautiful, every day for the next year as it hangs in the Cannon tunnel. I am humbled to represent all of the young talent in the Second Congressional District.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops and may the President by his actions never forget

September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, on July 6, 2016, I was unavoidably detained and missed one vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Call No. 368.

DECODING DYSLEXIA GROUP VISITS CAPITOL HILL

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, on July 11 through 13th, 2016 youth leaders and families from Decoding Dyslexia will be hosting and participating in programs on Capitol Hill to raise awareness, encouraging our nation to #SayDyslexia. Congress extends a warm welcome.

POLICE SERGEANT TERESA DOUGHERTY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Federal Heights Police Sergeant Teresa (Terry) Dougherty for her decades of service to the City of Federal Heights, Colorado. For over thirty years, Sergeant Dougherty has been active within the community and the police department serving constituents of Federal Heights.

Sergeant Dougherty started her career in 1985 in the dispatch center within the Federal Heights Police Department. From there she served in various parts of the department including service in records and code enforcement. She worked her way up to a patrol officer and detective, finally ending a stellar career at her current rank of Sergeant. The police chief of Federal Heights credits her with a rare ability to bring calmness to chaos in a variety of circumstances. Sergeant Dougherty continuously brought passion to her job and made a personal investment in the employees within the police department. Her hard work and dedication each and every day to making the community of Federal Heights a great place to live and work demonstrate her exemplary work as a police officer in Federal Heights.

I extend my deepest thanks to Sergeant Dougherty for her service to the community. Thank you for your continuous dedication to serving the people and the City of Federal Heights, Colorado.